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(b) whether by a letter, dated 16th January 1929, the said Mr. Bhide informed the District Health Officer that the villagers had organized themselves to take active steps to prevent and cure malaria, and again asked for a supply of quinine for distribution ;

(c) whether he again applied on 18th January 1929 bringing it to the notice of the said Health Officer that quinine was being given elsewhere through many Christian institutions ;

(d) whether he again informed the said officer that since the fever season had begun for the previous two weeks he was distributing quinine at his own cost and that he should be given quinine at once or that at least an agency should be opened for free distribution in the village ;

(e) whether it is true that no quinine was at all given to him ;

(f) why it is that respectable Hindu citizens are not given free quinine whilst the Christian missionaries are given with or without asking ; and

(g) whether the hon. Minister will place on the table a copy of the Government Order or instruction authorizing such distribution to the Christian missionaries ?

A.—(a) *to* (e) The Government have no information. Under the sanctioned scheme of free distribution of quinine in the selected areas, distribution is officially entrusted only to the specified agencies.

(f) & (g) Government Order No. 1059, P.H., dated 14th May 1928, has already been laid on the table and the hon. Member will see from it that under the scheme the distribution is made by the institutions, officials and associations noted in the appendix. The scheme does not contemplate distribution by private individuals.

Mr. K. R. KARANT :—" May I know whether several missionary persons have been supplied with free quinine ? The hon. Minister said in answer to a previous supplementary question of mine that if others also applied for quinine they would be supplied quinine freely. May I know why these missionaries are supplied while other persons if they apply are not supplied ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" Because these missionaries are members of certain recognized organizations."

Mr. K. R. KARANT :—" May I know what those private organizations are ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" Missionary societies."

Application for grant from Dr. P. Madhava Pai of the Kanara Medical and Surgical Institute, Udipi.

* 248 *Q.*—Mr. K. R. KARANT : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether he has received a memorial praying for grant from Dr. P. Madhava Pai of the Kanara Medical and Surgical Institute, Udipi, South Kanara ; and

(b) whether any and, if so, what order has been passed upon the said memorial ?

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A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The application was not granted.

Treatment of venereal cases in the General Hospital.

* 249 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR ; Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state –

(a) whether a section is set apart in the General Hospital for the treatment of venereal cases ;

(b) whether there has been any complaint as regards the treatment of the patients going there ; and

(c) the arrangements, if any, that exist to prevent the possibility of such complaints ?

A.—(a) Yes. A venereal block of 20 beds for females and 14 beds for males has been set apart in the Government General Hospital for the treatment of venereal cases.

(b) & (c) No.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" Sir, may I ask whether there have been any complaints from the general public about which my hon. Friend, Dr. Mallayya, has been complaining ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" We have not received any such complaints."

Mr. Abdul HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know whether the Government is contemplating the opening of clinics not only in the General Hospital but for the whole presidency ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" In the General Hospital venereal diseases are being treated and also in all hospitals."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" May I know whether the hon. Minister remembers that I put a question last year asking whether he was aware that women patients seeking admission in the General Hospital were subjected to indignities, by students of both sexes males and females, and that he replied that he would enquire into the matter ? Now in answer to my hon Friend Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar, he said that no complaints had been received. May I know what action he took or he proposes to take to see that certain amount of secrecy is maintained in the treatment of patients in the General Hospital ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" I perfectly remember the statement of the hon. Member that women in the General Hospital were subjected to all sorts of indignities. But the statement of the hon. Member seems to be unfounded."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know on what basis the hon. Minister says that the statement of my hon. Friend Dr. Mallayya was unfounded ? Is it based on any enquiries made by him and, if so, what was the nature of the enquiry or enquiries made ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" Enquiries were made from the officers in charge of the General Hospital."